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Dear Sir or Madam,

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The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that injure human health. The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Sincerely,

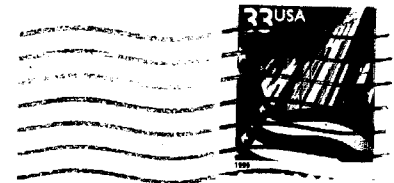
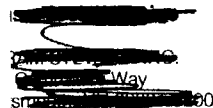

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